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Mr. Joseph R. Bistrski, District Ranger
Ashley National Forest
Duchesne Ranger District
P. O. Box 981
Duchesne, Utah 84021

Re: Amended Plan of Operations, Uintah Mountain Copper Corporation, Sunshine
Quartz/Hematite Project, S/013/002, Duchesne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bistrski:

On May 17, 2000, this Division wrote you asking for clarification on certain issues associated with the plan of operations for the Uintah Mountain Copper Company Sunshine Quartz/Hematite Claims. Since then, we have received a revised plan of operations, an environmental assessment, and other information from you and the operator. We appreciate the cooperation we have had from Chauncie Todd and others on this project.

There are two issues that we feel still need to be resolved. The Plan of Operations received by the Forest Service on September 4, 2001, says, "Any additional topsoil needed to establish vegetation and prevent short-term erosion will be borrowed from local sites as recommended by the USFS at the time of work." If there is going to be a borrow area, it needs to be shown on appropriate maps, and we need to have an operation and reclamation plan for the area. If this is a conceptual plan that would require further detail to be implemented, the plan of operations needs to contain a statement to that effect.

The acreage figures shown in the plan of operations for the total disturbed/used area are:

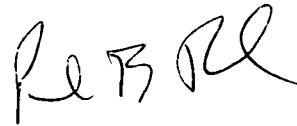
Access/Spur Roads	1.62 acres
Camp Site	1.26 acres
Mine Pit Area	0.05 acres
Total	3.17 acres.

There appears to be an arithmetic error in these numbers: adding the first three figures gives 2.93 acres, a difference of 0.24 acres. The acreage figures need to be corrected.

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When these questions have been adequately addressed, the Division would be in a position to approve the plan of operations. As you receive further information or updates to the plan of operations, please let us know so we can keep our files updated. If you have any questions about these comments, please call me at 801-538-5261 or Doug Jensen at 801-538-5382.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P B Baker', written in a cursive style.

Paul B. Baker
Reclamation Biologist.

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